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- All Charter Documents to Include Articles & Amendments
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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

## <u>OF</u>

## CYPRESS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

We, whose names are signed hereto, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a body corporate, not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida, and under the following charter:

## ARTICLE I

#### <u>NAME</u>

The name of this corporation is CYPRESS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

## ARTICLE II

#### TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually; and the corporate existence will commence on the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Florida Department of State.

## ARTICLE III

#### PURPOSE

The purpose for which this corporation is organized shall be religious; its more specific purposes being to be a dynamic spiritual organism empowered by the Holy Spirit to share Christ with as many people as possible in the church, community and throughout the world; to be a worshiping fellowship, experiencing an awareness of God, recognizing His Lordship, and responding in obedience to His leadership; to experience an increasingly meaningful fellowship with God and fellow believers; to help people experience a growing knowledge of God and man; to minister unselfishly to persons in the community and world in Jesus' name; to be Christ-like in daily living by emphasizing total commitment of life, personality, and possession to the lordship of Christ; to purchase, own, sell, mortgage and lease real estate and personal property for the purpose hereinafter set forth; and generally to have all the powers incident to corporations of this character.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal office of the corporation is at 6296 Cemetery Avenue, Cypress, Florida 32432. The mailing address of the corporation is Post Office Box 70, Cypress, Florida 32432.

## ARTICLE V

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial registered office is at 4450 Lafayette Street, Marianna, Florida. The name of the initial registered agent at that address is Frank E. Bondurant. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, move the initial registered office of the corporation to any other address in the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE VI

#### DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have four (4) members of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the first election thereof are as follows:

NAME:	ADDRESS:
William Ralph McDaniel	Post Office Box 3 Cypress, Florida 32432
Earl Carroll	3044 Camp Road Marianna, Florida 32446
Milton Player, Jr.	Post Office Box 587 Grand Ridge, Florida 32442

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2315 Hollister Road Marianna, Florida 32446

#### **ARTICLES VII**

#### MEMBERS

This corporation shall have members. The membership of this corporation shall consist of the four (4) subscribers to this Charter and such other members as are now members of Cypress Baptist Church, the unincorporated body, and such other members as shall hereinafter be admitted to the membership of Cypress Baptist Church. The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission shall be as regulated by the Constitution and Bylaws of the corporation. The membership in the corporation shall continue until such time as the said members shall cease to be

members of said church, the unincorporated body, either by death, by letter of another Baptist church; upon request by the member, or for disciplinary or other reasons.

## ARTICLE VIII

## **INCORPORATORS**

The name and residence address of the subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation are:

#### NAME

William Ralph McDaniel

Earl Carroll

Milton Player, Jr.

Narcisco Villarreal

#### ADDRESS

Post Office Box 3 Cypress, Florida 32432

3044 Camp Road Marianna, Florida 32446

Post Office Box 587 Grand Ridge, Florida 32442

2315 Hollister Road Marianna, Florida 32446

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **OFFICERS**

The officers of this corporation shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. These officers, except for the Moderator, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the quorum (as designated below) of Cypress Baptist Church, the incorporated body, present and voting at the regular annual business meeting of the members of said Church to be held on the first Wednesday in October of each year, or at any special meeting called for that purpose. Any vacancies in the Board of Directors occurring during the year may be filled by a majority vote of the members of the quorum of Cypress Baptist Church, the incorporated body, present and voting at any regular or special meeting. The said church shall have such other officers for the government and conduct of its affairs as may be provided by the Constitution and Bylaws of the said Church. No less than fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum to transact any business at any regular or special meeting of the members of said church, if such business is of a legal nature. Not less than ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum to transact business of a nature other than legal. The chairman of the deacons of Cypress Baptist Church shall be Moderator, and the meetings may be presided over by either the Moderator or, in the absence of the moderator, the Vice-Chairman of deacons. The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by William Ralph McDaniel, Earl Carroll, Milton Player, Jr., Narcisco Villarreal, and Joann C. Truette until the first election of officers under this Charter.

## ARTICLE X

#### **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

The Constitution and Bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered and rescinded by a majority vote of the members of the corporation present at any regular or special meeting, due notice of which has been sent to all of the members, in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws or has been given from the pulpit of the church on two successive regular meetings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have subscribed our names this the <u>8+h</u> day of <u>November</u>, 2007.

William Ralph mcDaniel

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF JACKSON

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this the <u>sth</u> day of <u>November</u>, 2007, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared WILLIAM RALPH McDANIEL, EARL CARROLL, MILTON PLAYER, JR., and NARCISCO VILLARREAL, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my Hand and Official Seal the day and year last aforesaid.

Frank S. Dondman

**Printed Name:** 



THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:

Frank E. Bondurant Florida Bar Number: 0520330 BONDURANT AND FUQUA, P.A. 4450 Lafayette Street Post Office Box 1508 Marianna, Florida 32447 (850) 526-2263

## CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

FIRST - That Cypress Baptist Church desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, and its registered office in the City of Marianna, Jackson County, Florida, has named Frank E. Bondurant, whose address is 4450 Lafayette Street, Marianna, Florida 32446, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

SECOND - Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and further agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

-Bonduant

FRANK E. BONDURANT, Registered Agent

